



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C33  
Serial No.: 09/997,529 Group Art Unit: 1647  
Filing Date: November 15, 2001 Examiner: Wegert, Sandra L.  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS: RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement with requisite fees. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 18, 2005 in this case; hence this amendment is timely filed and no extension fees are deemed necessary. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.